

Torpoint Town Council

Monthly Report - October 2025

Introduction

Last weekend I decided to step down as Leader of the Reform Group in Cornwall Council. Placing Torpoint on the map within the Council and as Leader has been an immense privilege, however, all good things must come to an end and therefore to allow me to spend more time supporting my residents I took the decision to standdown.

I will probably now become a thorn in the side for our Town Mayor and Clerk, Milly as I move things forward with Torpoint Town Councillors.

Community Chest

I have agreed a contribution of £400, towards the accessible play equipment project being managed by our Clerk, Milly. It is a great cause that I fully support. A further £100 donation will be made next month from my Council Vice Chair allowance.

CCTV Funding (Harvey Street) – Being led by Cllr J Tivnan BEM

Waste Bins – This subject was discussed at length during the Full Council as the issues are cross Cornwall. In summary, finding bins close to one another and relocating them to the areas where bins have been removed was recommended as the way forward.

Harvey Street

A series of photographs showing the dilapidations were taken and forward asking for action to be taken to address weeding, uneven surfaces, and oil contamination issues on the road and I am awaiting feedback.

Cemetery Access – The team and I now have time to cut the weeds and overgrowth to allow access of people and wheelchairs.

Street Lighting (Update) – With the decision having been made to extend the period by which net zero is achieved, 2045 rather than 2030, an opportunity exists for the Council to reassess the street lighting initiative. I will be discussing this with the Portfolio holder with a view of trying change all or nothing approach that has been adopted. The budget allocation and this strategy will be reviewed as part of the Budget Development Oversight Committee.

Tamar Crossings Briefing – There is significant work being undertaken by Ferry Management to understand their cost base and we are awaiting the output from this work. Key known work packages include,

- Painting Bridge (£4-6 million)
- Resurfacing (£20 million)
- Roundabout and road reconfiguration (£19 million)
- One ferry upgrade (£3-5 million)

Funding for this work is expected to be via long-term loans.

Macey Street – Awaiting a response to my request for the remainder of the area to be cleared of overgrowth has been made to Cornwall Council via Casework Assist. This will be chased.

General

Several issues have been raised this month that are being addressed and as they are of a personal nature will not be reported here.

Addressing the problems with the pedestrian bridge at the boat yard is being led by Cllr Kate Ewert